

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE WOULD NOT IMPROVE NATIONAL GAME

"Out" On Foul Fly Eliminated Would Rob Game of Sensational Plays Which Arouse Thrills Among the Fans; Would Lengthen Game and Cause Interest of Players To Lag; Shorter, Faster Game Desirable.

By SAM CHASE,
PRESIDENT MANAGER MITCHELL, by the second basemen and the short-
of the Chicago Cubs, is going to stop, who run behind the first and
third basemen and make what look to

present to the National and American leagues at their coming joint session a proposition to have the "out" on a caught foul fly eliminated from the playing rules.

Mitchell makes the claim that it will make better batting, and doubtless it would, but it would also take away from the game the chance for the outfielders merely jogged after a foul ball. Why, even to see the fielders merely make a try for some of these hits is inspiring.

That the fans dearly love to see much swarming goes without saying, but they also desire to see fine play, and it is a question

whether Mitchell's proposed revision of the rule would be galling as far as the best interests of the sport from the spectator's standpoint.

I would be a change in the manager's favor, of course, for it would give them another time at bat that the present role does not afford, but it appears to me to be too radical a change, and hardly worth the trial.

The pitcher would be very much adverse to the new rule and to my mind there is no necessity just at present of putting that handicap on the boxmen.

Would Lengthen Games.

"Any manager could desire. So it does not seem possible that he could have an ulterior motive in making the proposition.

"I should like to have some other argument advanced in its favor

Many of the prettiest and most sensational fielding plays by the catchers, all of the infielders and the left and right fielders would be cut out if the Mitchell plan was adopted and the Diamond would be lengthened by 11 feet.

The Pittsburgh Pirates will give a trial to Jimmy DeHart, college football and baseball star and more recently in the aviation service. He is a second baseman by choice. His

STROLLS THROUGH

SPORTVILLE

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

Questions and Answers.

DEAR STROLLS THROUGH SPORTVILLE: Now that I have returned

from over there, where I covered myself with glory, I would like to see some young featherweight, who also saw service as a boxing instructor. I will not box with a slacker. I am five feet tall, weight 120 pounds before dinner, and am fairly intelligent when I am not with my manager. Kindly print this and consider it as a challenge to any featherweight who has seen service as a

boxing instructor. Will not fight anybody who ain't been a hero. Can you arrange a match for me?

KID KIDDO.

Dear Kid: Write to Batling Bunk, who has also seen service as a boxing instructor. Strolls Through Sportville is always glad to help heroes.

Dear Strolls: Can you tell me how I can break into the Big League? I am 29 years old and Some Shortstop! I batted 400 last year in the two games I played. Have been released by the Quogue baseball team and am open to all offers from Big League managers. PHIL UPSON.

Dear Phil: Breaking into the Big League is much harder than breaking out. Wait another year or so and let that nerve of yours develop just a little more. Nothing can stop you then.

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